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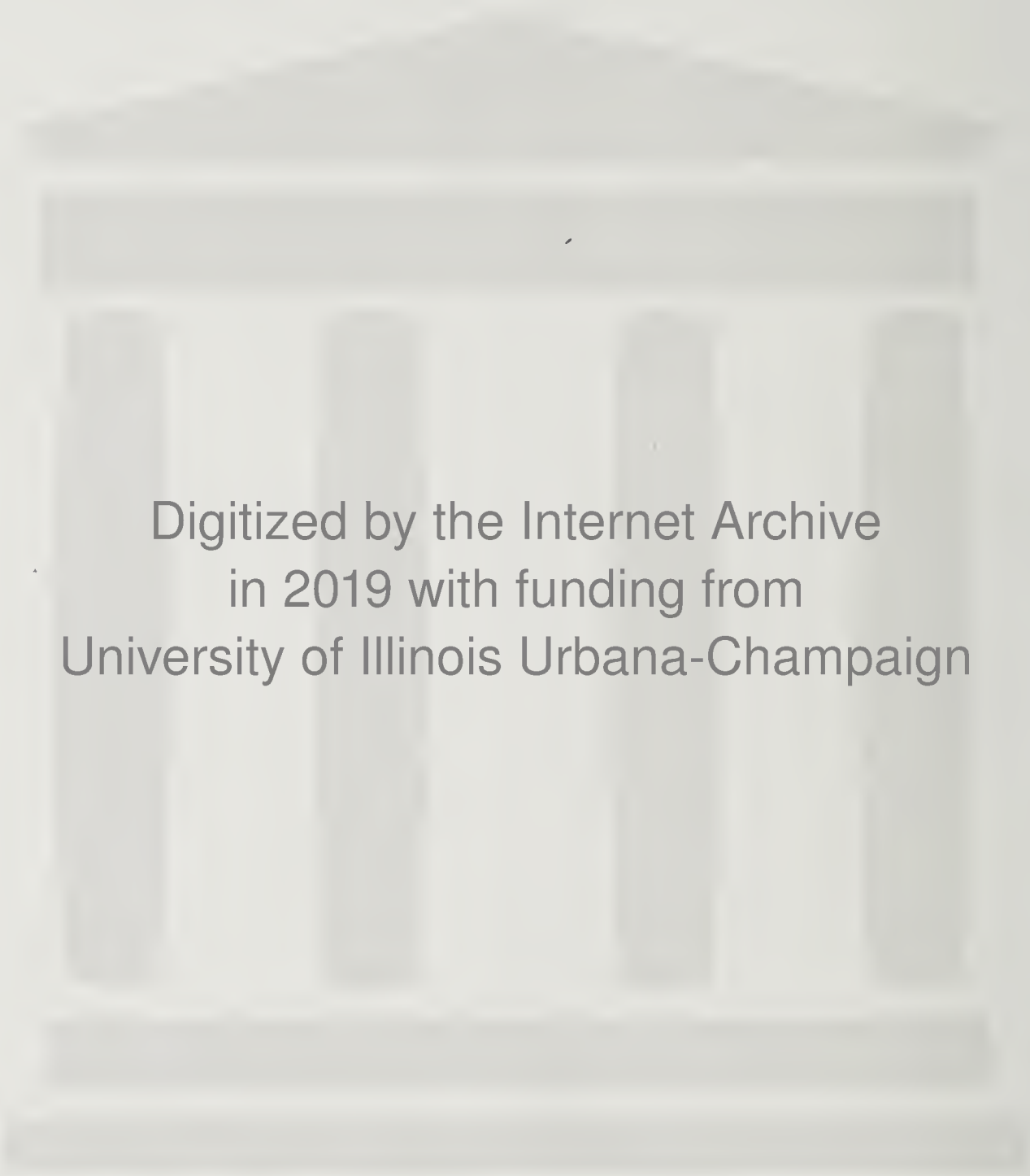
Woodbury Drug Co.

Story of a Store.

50 Years in One Room.

(1910)





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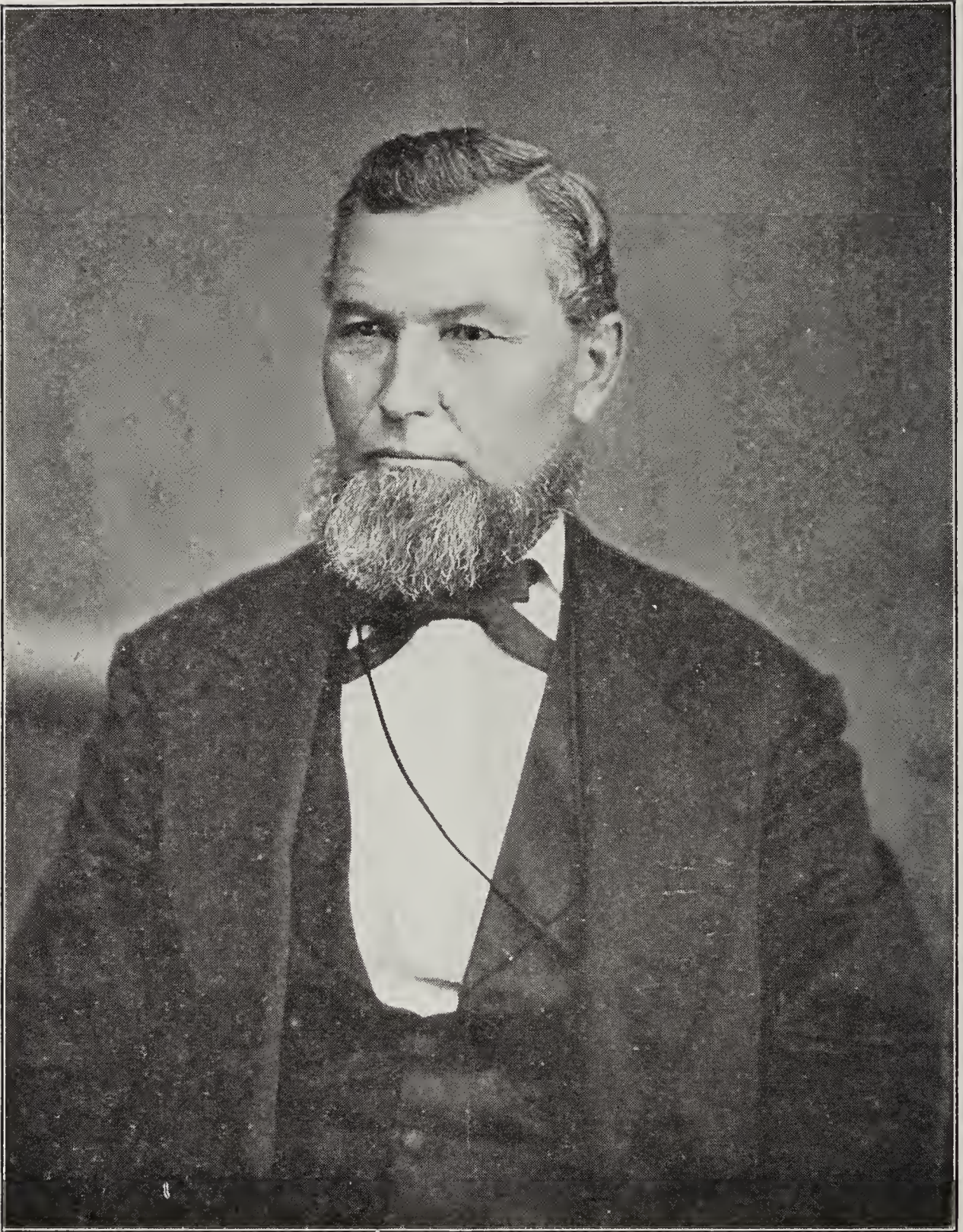
Woodbury

50 YEARS IN ONE ROOM

THE SAME GROUND
THE SAME ROOM
THE SAME FIRM
THE SAME BUSINESS

ILLINOIS HISTORICAL SURVEY

STORY OF A STORE



W. W. R. WOODBURY, M. D.

Born 1824.

Came to Danville in 1833. Resided here until his death in 1901.

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1860—GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY—1910

50 Years in One Room, by the Woodbury Drug Co., No. 14 West Main Street,
Danville, Illinois.

STORY OF A STORE

There is not a school nor a church now occupied as such in Danville, that was standing 50 years ago.

There is one business room alone that continuously has been occupied by the same firm and the same line of goods for 50 years.

Just one firm and one family that sold goods in Vermilion County in 1860 that now remains, doing business in the same line, not only on the same ground but in the same room for 50 years. Dr. Wm. W. R. Woodbury was the progressive head of the firm that in 1859 constructed Lincoln Hall block. Completed in 1860, his drug stock, which had been in a one story frame, was returned to the same ground on which it formerly stood. The old numbering made it 79 Main Street, but now known as 14 West Main Street—Plaza Hotel building. Every day for 50 years the drug business has gone on inside, touching these very walls.

As the business expanded the fancy grocery trade attached to it was closed out; the book and wall paper stock sought another room, (Now the Woodbury Book Co., 40 Vermilion Street); the bicycle was added just as the safety came in, but after selling over 500 cycles this line was retired.

All of these transitions Dr. Woodbury saw, being connected with the stores until his death in 1901. He was over 50 years with the business. His motto was "Do as near right as you can."

He came to Danville an eight year old boy with his father, Gardner Woodbury and the family, in 1833, Danville then boasting of five years. It was a backwoods settlement, and he knew the hardships and joys of pioneer life. Going with Isaac Sodowsky to Cincinnati about 1843, they brought back overland for Dr. Wm. Fithian the first mower used in this county. His interest in farming fruit and flowers was almost a passion. They were his pleasures from his active business life. "Billy" Woodbury was apprenticed to Dr.

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Fithian; later read medicine under him; graduated from Rush Medical College in 1850, and returned for his life's work to Danville. The spring of 1850 saw him a country druggist; one-half interest in the firm of Sconce & Woodbury costing him \$563.61. The annual store rental was \$75.00.

Danville's population was 736. Merchandise came by river or canal to Perrysville and Covington, Indiana, thence brought overland by wagon. The semi-annual visitation to the Eastern market resulting in purchases as shown by the old invoices, from a single firm of \$2000.00 worth of drugs and sundries. Their customers rode for fifty miles, from west, north and south. Two events occurred in 1857 that have made a lasting impression on the Woodbury drug firm. Dr. Woodbury married Maria Williams (the first white child to reside in Danville), daughter of Amos Williams, who assisted in starting Vermilion County, being the first clerk of the court and first postmaster in 1827. The Woodburys in the present firm are their children. The other occurrence in 1857 was the arrival of the Great Western Railroad. Thereby Danville awakened from her drowsiness and the population moved up to 1,632 in 1860—just fifty years ago. Swiftly she sped on through the riotous days of the Civil War, reaching 3,000 in 1866.

The Woodbury Drug Company now in its 64th year, sees 40,000, and hopes to be on hand at the 100,000 count.

BY WAY OF REMINISCENCE

JAMES A. D. SCONCE	1846
SCONCE & WOODBURY	1850
(James A. D. Sconce, William W. R. Woodbury)	
WOODBURY & CO.	1853
(William W. R. Woodbury, Stephen Mires, John W. Mires)	
W. W. R. WOODBURY	1857
A. G. WOODBURY	1885
WOODBURY DRUG CO.	1903
(Amos Gardner Woodbury, Chas. M. Woodbury, Chas. F. Ehlers, Flora M. Woodbury)	

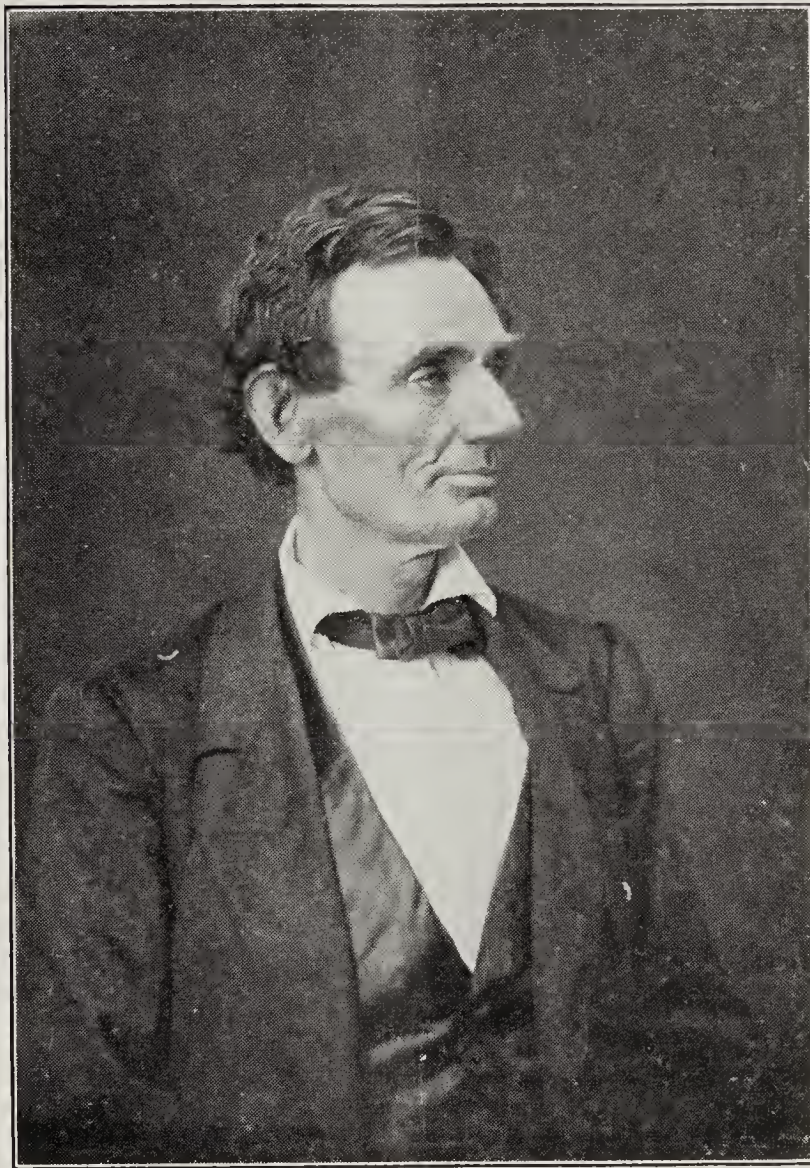
WOODBURY DRUG COMPANY IN 1910

A few words about the present owners show their long connection with the firm.

A. G. Woodbury (always known as 'Gardy') was born in Danville fifty years since. He owns the majority of the stock in the firm, and is president. Growing up with the business, taking a clerkship in 1876, he has been through all the stages from bottle washer to manager. He is widely known to the farmers through his auction sales of Poland China hogs and Jersey Cattle at Woodbury Hill Farm.

Chas. M. Woodbury, some eighteen years constantly with the business, was the successful manager for several years. He is a stockholder and vice-president.

Chas. F. Ehlers is the present manager. He is a stockholder and secretary. His capability as a druggist is unquestioned. A graduate in pharmacy, he has enjoyed both city and country experience. He is happy in having a wide acquaintance in Vermilion County. This store is fortunate in its capable force at the prescription table, counter and desk. We strive with their aid to give you a "square deal."



OUR MOST FAMOUS CUSTOMER ABRAHAM LINCOLN

This A. Lincoln picture is reproduced from an original photo. Dr. and Mrs. Woodbury saw Mr. Lincoln many times. It was their opinion that this picture most nearly represented him as he was, when attending court in Danville.

The Circuit Court held at Danville was the Eastern rim of the Illinois courts visited by A. Lincoln in those days of riding the circuit. He was a frequent buyer of drugs, books or stationery while lodging

at the McCormack house on West Main Street. Dr. Woodbury told of Lincoln leaving an order for the funny book of those days, viz: "Phoenixiana." From this book Lincoln used a story in the Lincoln and Douglas debates.

THE LINCOLN LETTER

As anything of Abraham Lincoln's production arouses interest, we herewith reproduce the opening and closing of a letter written by him. It was in response to one addressed him by Dr. W. W. R. Woodbury asking for legal advice. This is the first occasion of its publication.

LINCOLN HALL ERECTED IN 1859 AND 1860

Dr. Woodbury's ardent admiration of Lincoln led him to call the building for the great leader, Lincoln Hall. That his thoughts were on him is evident from the day book of 1857-58, wherein is "A Lincoln," "Abram Lincoln," and "Abraham Lincoln."

Mr. H. W. Beckwith, Danville's noted historian, met Mr. Lincoln shortly after the construction of Lincoln Hall. Being informed of the title of the building, Lincoln smiled amusingly and said he hoped the result would be more fortunate than the change of name of a bulldog owned by a Springfield friend. After being called Lincoln he was "licked" in every fight.

In its early and later days it was open to all creeds and parties. Both the second and third stories as the headquarters of Dr. Wm. Fithian, Provost Marshal during the civil war, made it the Union center during those stirring days. Many noted men and women discoursed in it. Parties, balls, fairs, velocipedes, courts and divers uses can be recalled.

Andrew L. Fillinger now living in Danville had an account with Dr. Woodbury 53 years ago. Many early incidents are yet within his recall. He has a vivid recollection of listening to Lincoln tell stories in Lincoln & Lamon's law office which was across the street from the Woodbury Store.

DANVILLE, A FRONTIER TOWN

Can you conceive what the situation and real conditions were when Dr. Sconce and Dr. Woodbury did business in 1846 to 1850? We can best illustrate by repeating Mr. M. Ganor's short account of his entry to Vermilion County: "My family started in wagons from Chicago in 1848, on Thursday. We reached Denmark (three miles

Springfield, Jan^y 26-1854

Wm. H. Westcott *
The Christian

Gentlemen-

Your letter is received -

You say your donors will relinquish their rights in the
the rice - this also must be, in order to give the
your rights - My opinion on all the questions, as far
as is concerned - * * * * *
I will mention that, to Mr. W. Lamon, he is
he is anxious, & anxious, cannot see to all other
and -

Yours to
H. Westcott -

north of Danville) on Saturday. In all of that 125 mile drive we did not meet a human being or see any tame live stock. The wild animals and birds and reptiles were the only live things we saw."

PRICES TAKEN FROM THE SCONCE & WOODBURY DAY BOOK 1850

PAINTS, ETC.

Linseed Oil	\$1.50 gal.	White Lead	\$10.00 cwt
Venetian Red .....	.12½ lb.	Whiting .....	.10 lb.
Chrome Yellow .....	.75 lb.	Furniture Varnish	3.00 gal
Red Lead .....	.16⅔ lb.	Chrome Green	1.00 lb.
Putty .....	.12½ lb.	Turpentine	1.00 gal.
Yellow Ochre .....	.12½ lb.		

DRUGS, ETC.

Quinine	\$5.00 oz.	Sulphur .....	.25 lb.
Epsom Salts .....	.25 lb.	Borax	50 lb.
Castor Oil	3.00 gal.	Rosin .....	.08 lb.
Aq. Ammonia .....	.10 oz.	Prep. Chalk .....	.40 lb.
Morphine .....	.75 dr.	Gum Camphor .....	.12 oz.
Alcohol .....	.25 qt.		

GROCERIES, ETC.

Starch .....	.15 lb.	Raisins .....	.25 lb.
Oysters	\$1.50 can	Matches .....	.25 box
Eggs .....	.06¼ doz.	Sugar .....	.08⅓ lb.
Rice .....	.08⅓ lb.	Currants .....	.15 lb.
Vinegar .....	.25 gal.	Loaf Sugar .....	.15 lb.
25 Cuba Six Cigars .....	.25c.	Tobacco .....	.37½ lb.
Whiskey .....	.10 qt.	Sperm Candles .....	.40 lb.

WHO WAS HERE IN 1850?

The following names were taken from the day book of Sconce & Woodbury. They were the pioneers, the men who cleared the way. There was a personality about them; often a rugged, striking individuality that meeting them once you needed not another introduction.

Few if any of these early settlers are living in the year 1910. The names spread around this county of their descendants are many. A. G. Woodbury came in touch with these old settlers, the men who made the beginning. The old, the middle aged, the young, unto the fourth and fifth generation have traded with Woodburys. Our latch string hangs out for their descendents. May they call often.

Milton Lesley
Jeremiah Pate

Dr. Theo. Lemon
J. T. Ross

Wm. Bandy
Harvey Luddington
John Smith
Chas. K. Mires
Josephus Blair
Wm. Martin
Dan'l Clapp
Abel F. Tilton
Peleg Cole
Joseph Peters
John Vinson
Dr. Z. H. Madden
Wm. E. Russel
Vermilion Co.
Mahlon Finley
John Olehy
Dr. H. J. E. Balch
Hiram Nevill
Wesley Draper
Dr. A. M. C. Hawes
J. Wood
Reason Delay
Isaac O'Neal
Thos. O'Neal
G. W. Cassedy
J. B. Trent
Erastus French
Josiah Sodowsky
J. M. Culbertson
John Cooper
James Wilkeson
Caleb Vredenburg
Geo. W. Smith
Philip Leonard
Nimrod Price
Isaac Knox
J. H. Murphy
Wm. McCormack
John Cork
Nelson Miles
Henry Smith
C. McScott

Perry Fairchild
Joseph Jones
Elihu Howard
Joshua Hollingsworth
Wm. Barker
Wm. Giddings
Wm. M. Heistand
Milton Davis
Ezra Adams
Reason Hooton
Wm. Hawkins
Wm. I. Moore
Peter R. Leonard
Dr. W. H. H. Scott
Dr. Wm. Fithian
Isaac Cotton
Thos. Short
Othniel Gilbert
Sam'l Songer
John L. Tincher
John Brady
Richard Lawrence
W. B. Shanks
Anthony Swisher
Nelson Maddox
David Makemson
J. B. Lemon
W. M. Payne
Levi Cline
Hamilton Boggess
James Prickett
Oliver L. Davis
Thos. Cox
Stephen Cox
E. C. Layton
Leander Rutledge
W. McGee
Matthew Curry
J. S. McCorkle
Palmer & Leverich
Jordan Sutherland
W. J. Trimmel



LINCOLN HALL BLOCK

As occupied by Woodbury Drug Store 1860-1910.
Following invitation was printed by Vermilion County Press.

YOUNG AMERICA BALL

AT THE

LINCOLN HALL, DANVILLE, ILL.

Monday evening, January 2, 1860

Which you are respectfully invited to attend.

DIRECTORS

DANVILLE—Judge Terry, S. T. Moors, Wm. Myers, S. B. Mann, L. T. Palmer, H. Frisbie, E. P. Martin,
B. Haggard, W. T. Cunningham, J. B. Lemon, H. Warner.

HOMER—M. B. Custer, G. S. Cole.

FAIRMOUNT—Charley Tilton, E. Allen.

BRYANT—C. E. Freeman.

ATTICA—Thos. Worthington, Mac Dixon, Geo. Huntington, Jas. Nichols.

WILLIAMSPORT—H. Johnson, Messrs. Harpers, Rant and Hitchens.

COVINGTON—D. Webb, A. M. Hetfield, Ves. Gilbert.

PERRYSVILLE—A. G. Elbertson, E. C. Abdill.

URBANA—C. Milligan, J. R. Dunlap.

STATE LINE—Charley Gregory.

FLOOR MANAGERS

J. S. Gabriel, Wm. Mann, A. A. Loutzenhiser, R. V. Chesley.

Music by McLaren's Quadrille Band of Lafayette, Ind.

Carriages in readiness at 7:30 o'clock.

Supper at 12 o'clock precisely.

Positively none admitted except those invited.



THE PLAZA HOTEL BUILDING

Home of the Oldest Drug Store in Vermilion County.

In 1901 the front of the old Lincoln Hall building was removed. The sidewalls of the Woodbury drug room were left as originally constructed in 1859. The entire building was merged into the present extensive block. A doorway was opened into the hotel office from the drug store and is much used by the guests and public.

Wm. McKibben
 S. Frazier
 Geo. Stipp
 John Finley
 J. H. Lamm
 Guy Merrill
 C. W. Bailey
 Thos. Froman
 Jacob Herring
 H. Ward
 Martin Moudy
 David Liggett
 Harvey McMillin
 G. W. Fisher
 John Swain
 Sam'l Hathaway
 David Copeland
 Alvin Gilbert

Wm. Lafferty
 J. B. Gilbert
 James Probst
 W. I. Allen
 Amos Williams
 C. S. Young
 Geo. M. Allison
 Wm. Cunningham
 Wm. Castle
 Isaac Simpson
 W. W. Mires
 W. Y. Courtney
 Benj. Rogers
 J. M. Partlow
 Dr. R. L. Porter
 Wm. Patterson
 Jacob James

THESE SAW OUR BEGINNING 64 YEARS AGO

The longest time customer among the physicians is Dr. S. H. Vredenburg of this city. The doctor bought of J. A. D. Sconce in 1846. The day book of W. W. R. Woodbury records the purchase of one ounce of quinine at \$3.00 by Dr. Vredenburg on December 1st, 1857. He continues to trade with us and is a most highly prized customer. He was a safe counselor, as his 90 years now show, practicing over 50 years in some families. He recalls trading twelve cows in 1848 to Sam'l G. Craig for a one-horse buggy.

Mr. Lewis M. Thompson, of Rossville, Ill., who came to Vermilion County in 1830, was in Danville lately (April, 1910). He talked of the early days, recalling the one-story frame store room of Sconce and Woodbury. He had an account with Dr. Woodbury on the books of 1857. He is a remarkable man to be upwards of 80. He and his son, Judge John G., are among our old time friends.

Hon. J. H. Oakwood, Danville, Illinois. Born in 1828, and came to this county in 1833. Few there are who can duplicate these figures. He is familiar with all the "Story of the Woodbury Drug Store." He knew and traded with Doctor "Dud" Sconce in 1846, and was a life time friend and customer of the Woodbury firm. Mr. Oakwood now in his 82d year is leaving Danville, after a worthy life of service for the public good. He served on juries in the 1833 court house, where A. Lincoln was attorney.

Mr. Dorman Douglas, Danville, Illinois. There may be a longer time resident of this county, but Mr. Douglas was born here in 1827, the year that this county was organized. He is an old, old friend of this store; knows all of the early history. He attended school in South Danville with Dr. Woodbury's sisters. We would delight to report others of the pioneer friends of our firm.

Mr. James H. Phillips, now in his 77th year, is an extraordinary man, being actively engaged every day at his office. In 1860 he sold insurance in Danville, and probably is the only one here keeping in the same work for half a century. He was a long time acquaintance of Dr. Woodbury, and recalls that the latter was president of the first building association in Danville. In 1865 Mr. Phillips' office was in Lincoln Hall block. When he was clerking for Sam'l Frazier he saw Abraham Lincoln come in and try on a linen duster. Mr. Lincoln joked about the shortness of the sleeves, as standing erect he extended his arms. He made a never forgotten figure to Mr. Phillips as he hurried away wearing the duster.

"AND THESE TOO HAVE PASSED AWAY"

From the Illinois State Gazeteer of 1864, we find the following list of Danville business and professional men. Some half dozen only are yet with us. On this list five names alone continue in the same line of work—Woodbury, Beckwith, English, Burroughs, and Segner, represented by their children.

Beckwith, Hiram W.—attorney.
Bateman, E. & Co. (Elwood and Newman C. Porter)—groceries and provisions.
Baker, Jay R.—boot and shoe maker.
Beyer, Peter—boot and shoe maker.
Brown, William H.—hardware.
Burroughs, Ephriam—blacksmith.
Bushong, Phillip & Sons—distillers.
Chesley, Robert V.—attorney.
Copeland, Perry—lumber dealer.
Crane & Craig (Benjamin Crane and Samuel G. Craig)—dry goods.
Culbertson, James M.—dry goods.
Donlon & Daniels (John Donlon and A. C. Daniels)—grain and lumber dealers.
Ehlers, Diedrich—tobacco and cigars, wholesale and retail.
English, Joseph G.—President First National Bank.
Enzerath, George (Rev.)—German M. E.
Fithian, William—provost marshal, physician.
Fleming, James B.—groceries, boots and shoes.
Fosselman, Samuel—grocer.
Galligan, Edward—liquors, wines and spirits.
Giddings, William—carriage and wagon maker.

- Gritton & Hensley (Mariman and Richard) --saloon.
 Hawes, Mark D.—attorney.
 Hessey, William—dry goods.
 Holton, Nicholas M.—propr. “McCormack House.
 Humphrey, Samuel A.—physician.
 Humphrey, William S.—physician.
 Keniston, John M.—photographist.
 Kimball, Henry M.—marble worker.
 Kimber, J. C. (Rev.)—M. E.
 Kingsbury, Enoch (Rev.)—Presbyterian.
 Kirkland, Joseph—coal miner.
 ★Knell & Morgan (Killian and John)—bakers and confectioners.
 Koch, Mathew (Rev.)—German Lutheran.
 Kohler, Michael—clothing.
 Lawrence, G. W.—attorney.
 Lemon, Theodore—physician.
 Lenz, Mathew—clothier.
 Leverich, Richard T.—dry goods and groceries.
 McAdam, James—blacksmith.
 ★McDonald, Robert D.—dry goods.
 McMahon, John—blacksmith.
 Martin, Rawley M. (Rev.)—Christian.
 Maxwell, William—cooper.
 Miller, Jacob F.—stoves and tinware.
 Miller & Haggard (James H. and David B.)—boot and shoe makers.
 Mires, John W. & Co. (J. W. and C. K.)—saddlers and harness makers.
 Monroe, Spencer N. watch maker and jeweler.
 Moore & Brewer (Thomas and J. W.)—groceries and provisions.
 Mullaney, John—coal miner.
 Myers, James W.—groceries.
 ★Mayer & Ganor (Gottlieb and Michael)—bakers and confectioners.
 Norton, Stephen W.—plow manufacturer.
 Palmer, Eben H.—cashier First National Bank.
 Palmer, James—merchant tailor.
 Partlow, John J.—druggist.
 Partlow, A. & Co. (Asa and Reuben P.)—dry goods merchants.
 Peters, Joseph—attorney.
 Pierce, —physician.
 Porter, Madame—physician.
 Porter, Robert L.—physician.
 ★Raimer & Segner (Harry R. and George H. S.)—merchant tailors.
 Redford, Matthias N.—propr. “Pennsylvania House.”
 Rogers & Andrews (Jason and Romeo C.)—dry goods.
 Rush, Frank—meat market.
 Schroeder, Joseph—cabinet maker.
 Schwab, Frederick Rev.
 Scott, W. H. H.—physician.
 Sherman & Holloway—livery stable.
 ★Short, R. A. & Co. (Robert A. and John C.)—dry goods.
 Smith, Henry—dealer in fresh and salt meats.

Terry—Elias S.—attorney.

Williams & Harley (Amos. S. and Barney G.)—hardware and agricultural implements.

Woodbury, W. W. R. - physician, dry goods, books, stationery, lamps and oils.

★Woodbury & Williams (David K. and Enoch A.)—saddlers and harness.

Wright, Ebenezer M.—cabinet maker.

★These men in 1910 are yet active but are all in other lines.

This Gazeteer gives one newspaper, Vermilion County Plaindealer, published by Daniel Clapp.

Five Churches, Masonic Lodge, I. O. O. F. Lodge, and two fine seminaries. During the winter of 1863 and 1864 there were shipped 40,000 tons of coal, “and a vast amount used for home consumption.” Population nearing 3,000.

To the above names should be added:

Hobson and Aylesworth—woolen mill.

Palmer, L. T.—money broker.

Dobbins, Samuel—coal.

Moore, Wm. I.—Supt. Soldiers’ Widows and Orphans fund.

Davis, Oliver L.—attorney.

Kelly, Michael—coal bank.

Simpson, Isaac—blacksmith.

Glindmeir, Chris and Henry—coopers.

Layton, E. C.—wagon maker.

Reynolds, W. J.—jeweler and bandmaster.

Mengle, Wm.—butcher.

Pearson, John—attorney.

Wm. Hubb, boot and shoemaker.

THE “HELP” THAT “HAS BEEN”

The clerks, bookkeepers and assistants that have “jollied,” “hustled,” “delayed,” “cussed” and helped Woodbury’s are not all forgotten. The oldest one living is Dr. Henry C. Lesley of Lewis, Kansas. He was drug clerk in “war times”—those stormy days of the ’60’s. He had a marvelous memory for figures. The business for five years was blessed with the jolly and genial W. T. (Bud) Cunningham some 60 years since. His humor was one of the attractions that brought A. Lincoln to this store. When Mr. Lincoln became President he gave Mr. Cunningham a clerkship at Washington, D. C. Later he was appointed collector of Internal Revenue for this district. His office was in Lincoln Hall block. The document appointing him is a highly valued possession of Mrs. Edward Beyer, his daughter, of this city, being signed by A. Lincoln.

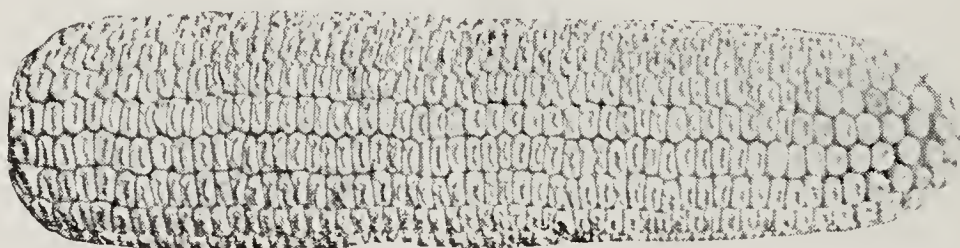
Dr. H. W. Morehouse, chief surgeon of the Wabash Railway and Dr. W. J. Moore, physician, are members of the “old guard.” Closely following them were John H. Palmer and A. T. Lemon. Dr. A. A. G. Starck who learned to read English while clerking, then read medicine and closed a three-year clerkship in 1876, will be

remembered by many old timers. He is practicing in Philadelphia. Dr. J. M. Guy, physician and surgeon of this city, and Dr. C. B. Clapp of the Wabash Hospital at Moberly, Missouri, are of the '80's. Among the deceased are James H. Woodbury, Frank Brooks, George O'Hara, Edwin Smith, C. P. Bales, E. L. (Bob.) Morehouse, W. W. Woodbury and John Clark. In the local druggists are Dr. W. A. Edwards and Landis Engle, while Fred Brown of Ohio, Vernon Payne of Tuscola, and S. J. Moffitt of Sidney, continue to twirl the pestle. John Euneman was many years on the force. The reign of the old two-wheel dray recalls the jolly Irishman, Tommy Cavanaugh, the freight man and his successor, Fred Withner.

Miss Elizabeth Woodbury was probably the first woman clerk in Danville. She was Dr. Woodbury's sister. She prepared prescriptions, sold paint, and was active in the business. Among the bookkeepers were Geo. F. Rearick of Rearick & Meeks, lawyers; Chas. P. Nelson, assistant cashier First National Bank; Wm. Gelwick, cashier Wabash Railway; F. M. Osborne, assistant cashier Commercial Bank. It is impossible in a short write up to name all the "old comrades." Where ere they are, they each and all have our kindest memories. May their paths lead to success.

The long time and still continued labors of Miss Lucy W. Woodbury, Miss Marie Lane and Messrs. H. B. Wheeler and F. L. Natho in the common good of the Woodbury Drug Company, and the Woodbury Book Company are deserving of strong praise. Our pen should be longer and stronger to give them full credit.

To the many young women who have helped guide the old craft and been business bodies we acknowledge our obligations.



CORN EXHIBIT

We are showing at our store until May 8th, the ear corn that won the prizes at the Danville Fall Festival and Corn Contest. Be sure and see it.

CONFIDENCE

We take a just pride in always having carried the confidence of the physicians of Vermilion County. From the men of the old school, the days when calomel, quinine and opium were their sheet-anchors, down to the present day of mild medication. It is impossible to recall the names of all of those pioneer doctors, most of whom made the Woodbury store their trading and shopping place. Among them were Drs. Wm. Fithian, Robert L. Porter, Wm. H. H. Scott, Theo. Lemon, A. M. C. Hawes and A. R. Palmer. A little later came Drs. S. H. Vredenburg, and Jno. O'Ferral, and they are yet of those present. In the silent majority come Drs. J. W. Ralston, A. H. Kimbrough, W. D. Porter and Richard Brickwell. Mrs. Dr. Hannah Fairchild and Mrs. Dr. Porter were the famous early day midwives.

If the old building could yield up its secrets, what a rattling of the dry bones would go on ! The stories, experiences, anecdotes and jolly tales told around the old cannon stove in winter, or in summer as perched on the by-gone railing, the M. D.'s wrestled their wits with the legal lights. *

The roads and their depths were favorite topics. Some outrageous accounts of their country trips recalls this road experience from Ex. Gov. Reynolds' book published in 1855. A traveler saw a hat on top of the ground. He got off his horse to pick up the hat, but found a man's head in it. The man under the hat said, "under him was a wagon and four horses mired in the mud—that he was safe but he supposed the horses and wagon were in a bad fix."

The list of physicians and surgeons now trading with the Woodbury Drug Co. exceeds two hundred. That we have so long and so satisfactorily kept in close relationship with these men of skill, should commend us to the people.

Dependable drugs for the doctor. That is the kind for you.

We are truly thankful for the long-time support tendered our firm and wish our patrons success in their varied occupations. We close in the familiar A. Lincoln subscription.

Yours as ever,

WOODBURY DRUG CO.

Golden Anniversary—50 Years in One Room.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.

The druggist of to-day is possibly not so much of a real manufacturer and chemist as was the old-time dispenser of 50 and more years ago.

The accurate, condensed, convenient, palatable and pleasing preparations of to-day are a distinct advance from the nauseous compounds of the days gone by. The druggist of to-day stands between the makers of the multitudinous tablets, alkaloids, pills, elixirs, essences, triturates and emulsions, and his home trade. He examines, tests, and with trial and experience is able to commend the good. Don't you think the 64 years of experience here in Danville, of the Woodbury Drug Co. can be of assistance to you?

Try us if you are in doubt.

Try us before you doubt.

Woodbury Drug Co., 14 West Main St., Danville, Ill.

Golden Anniversary—50 Years in One Room.

PAINTS, STAINS, VARNISHES.

Is there any place in these days of adulteration where oils and paints can be bought true to name? For sixty-four years the Woodburys have been the anchor for those desirous of putting pure material on their buildings. Why buy cheap paint? It costs you just as much to put it on as it does good paint. It soon fades away. Our shelves don't share room with "milk and water mixtures." Strictly pure white lead or zinc, the guaranteed New Era brand of ready mixed paints, stains, floor finishes and varnishes with other standard makes are here for comparison. You get pure linseed oil and turpentine here or none. We supply containers.

Can we figure with you? Just you find out how much high class goods do cost.

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RUBBER GOODS

How could a drug store do business now without the many sundries that are made from India Rubber? In the invoices and the day book of 1850 we cannot find any item made of rubber. On Dr. Woodbury's day book of 1858 we find the first mention, and that was lead pencil erasers.

How did the people exist without tubing, nipples, syringes, catheters, etc. etc.? It is a matter of memory that the many hundreds of hard and soft rubber goods have come into being since the Woodbury Drug Co. occupied their present room. Granted, and are not we the people to advise you in the purchase of rubber goods?

A little suggestion may save you time, health and money. Urinals, rubber cushions, pessaries, supporters are in our stock. If you want a dependable water bottle or fountain syringe, see us.

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KODAKS AND SUPPLIES

What is home without a Kodak? What is travel without a Camera?

In these days of many absorbing interests it is always satisfying to have a firm we can depend on. If you are suddenly called away and need a camera, the Woodbury Drug Co. can be relied on as to kinds, uses and prices. Or if you have time to study the varieties go or send to them for a catalog. Go into this room occupied for 50 years by them and take your time to get posted.

Films, plates, tripods, developers, toners, chemicals, cards, card albums and photo supplies. We take orders for developing films.

Now is the time to "photo."

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TRUSSES AND BRACES

For over sixty years this store has been headquarters for high class truss fitting. Now, as always, we guarantee a fit. Dr. Woodbury was noted as an expert in truss adjusting. The late advancement in the manufacture of these articles permits quicker and better "trussing" than formerly thought possible. We are exclusive agents for some lines which **you should see** before getting your next truss. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$20.00.

Shoulder braces for boys and girls, abdominal supports, suspensories, etc., etc. One day's delay may bring serious results. See us to-day.

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DIPS, LICE KILLERS, CONDITION POWDERS, Etc.

"The little fleas, that do us tease,
Have lesser fleas to bite them,
And these again have lesser fleas
And so ad infinitum."

However we and the live stock get sorely sore and decadent, waiting for that little flea to appear and bite the big one.

When John D. scratched his head and strove and strove trying to extract the last cent of dividend from the petroleum, his chemists evolved the modern cattle, horse, sheep and hog applications, known as dips. Nobody dreamed of them when the Woodbury Drug Co. sold "buring fluid" in 1857 at \$1.00 per gal.

The practical use of the many remedies beneficial to live stock at Woodbury Hill Farm makes our store continue to be headquarters for the farmer as it has been for nearly two-thirds of a century.

We sell pig forceps, fever thermometers, milk fever outfits, milking tubes, etc., etc. The oldest house in business in Eastern Illinois.

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FAMILY RECEIPTS

Great discretion, caution and good judgment are as much needed in the usual receipts that comes to the druggist as solicitude on the customers part that the articles that enter into it be pure and fresh.

Combination of opposing chemicals, extreme doses and wrong names and wrong spelling are a few of the obstructions in preparing these valued home remedies. Why not be careful of your personal safety? Don't swallow any old compound you read of in your doctor book. The Woodbury Drug Co. in this very room occupied by their firm for 50 years, have saved many a life by refusing to compound bad or wrong receipts. Experience is a splendid school.

We may not price your receipt as cheaply as some pharmacists, but we will give you the exact ingredient it calls for, or if written in error will tell you of it. Very often our price is the lowest. Let us figure.

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PRESCRIPTIONS.

It is extremely difficult to be sure of the contents of the inside from the look of the outside. Your life and your pocketbook are at the druggist's disposal when you hand him a prescription. In the many thousands dispensed by the Woodbury Drug Co. the aim has been to be fair.

Quality is always the first consideration. Not how cheap but how good; yet we claim to have reasonable rates for prescription work.

The rapid appearance of new remedies makes it well nigh impossible for the drug store with a small trade to supply them. Our large stock and constant calling on the physicians gives us a great advantage in caring correctly for and without substituting in the prescriptions you favor us with.

We rely on our ability to give you accurate medicine and medicine safe for you to use.

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Postal Station No. 3 at Woodbury Drug Co.—Stamps, Money Orders, Etc.

Danville's first Post Office was in Amos Williams' log cabin on Clark Street, until near 1850. At that time postage stamps were not in use. This cabin was later enlarged and covered with weather boards. It was for years Danville's social center. It was scarcely two blocks from the Woodbury Drug Store. It was familiar ground to A. Lincoln, who often met Mr. Williams, he being also clerk of the court. When Lincoln was the only Whig congressman from Illinois in 1848, he wrote to Amos Williams a letter in the old style fold, without an envelope. A. G. Woodbury has this rare relic framed. The detail of the Post Office would now be a revelation to the people of 50 years ago.

Come in any time, early or late for stamps, postals, money orders, registry, etc.

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VERMILION COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Completed in 1833.

In this year W. W. R. Woodbury came to Danville.

This was not the first court house owned by this county. The original court building was a log structure twenty by thirty feet sold to the county by Wm. Reed in 1828 for \$200.00.

It stood on Lot 1, Block 1, South, Range 1 West, or exactly on the ground occupied today (1910), and for over fifty years by the Woodbury Drug Co.

This log court house and lot were sold to Hezekiah Cunningham in 1831 for \$350.00.

By an odd coincidence the court of the county later returned to this same ground. After the court house shown above was burned, temporary quarters were secured in old Lincoln Hall.

This is another link to make historic in Vermilion County history the spot on which the Woodbury Drug Co. continues to do business.

Abraham Lincoln was attorney in many cases in the building shown above. He often stopped at the Woodbury Drug Store while enroute to the McCormack House, where he boarded.



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